

Sound32

Traffic Noise Prediction Model

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Introduction

- Course in the mechanics of using Sound32

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Purpose

The purpose of this course is to:

- Teach students the mechanics of using Sound32
- Provide students hands on experience using Sound32
- Introduce students to LeqV2 and Sound2000

The overall goal is for students to become fully conversant
in the use of Sound32 by the end of the course.

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Assumptions Regarding Students Experience

- This course assumes that students have completed the following training modules:

- Module 1 - Fundamentals of Highway Traffic Noise
- Module 7 - Caltrans Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol
- Module 8 - Noise Study Documentation and Reports
- Module 5 - Traffic Noise Impact Analysis Procedure
- Module 2 - Highway Noise Measurements and Instrumentation

- Basic functional capability in DOS, Windows, spreadsheet programs (i.e. Lotus, Excel, Quattro) is highly recommended.

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On Line Resources

- Sound32 users manual and reference sheets available on line at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/noise/software.htm>

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Summary of Course Topics

- Background
- Factors that effect traffic noise
- Input parameters used in Sound32 analysis
- Sound32 modeling methodology
- Sound32 data entry
- Sound32 post-calculation menu
- Sound32 results menu
- Impact and abatement criteria
- Line of sight (LOS) analysis and Sound32 LOS module
- Modeling techniques
- Sound32 exercises
- Introduction to LeqV2 and Sound2000
- LeqV2
- Introduction to Sound2000

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Background

- Federal Highway Administration Traffic Noise Prediction Model (FHWA -RD-77-108) published in late 1970's
- Charts and nomographs were used to evaluate traffic noise
- LEQV2: Mainframe implementation of the FHWA -RD-77-108 model developed by Caltrans in the early 1980's
- STAMINA/OPTIMA: More sophisticated mainframe implementation of the model developed by FHWA.

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Background

- SOUND32: Mainframe implementation of STAMINA/OPTIMA developed by Caltrans in the early 1980's.
- In 1985 Sound32 was modified to include Calveno.
- Late 1980's DOS versions of LeqV2 and Sound32 were developed.
- Traffic Noise Model (TNM): New Windows model released by FHWA in 1998.
- Sound2000: Windows data-entry interface for Sound32 was introduced by Caltrans in 2000.

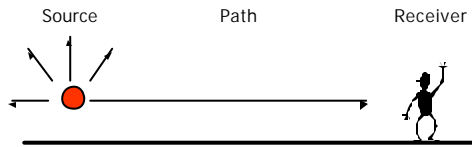
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Factors That Effect Traffic Noise

- Source/path/receiver concept
- Volume of traffic
- Vehicle type (trucks versus automobiles)
- Speed of traffic
- Geometric relationship between traffic and the receiver
- Grade of the roadway
- Barriers between traffic and the receiver
- Acoustical characteristics of the ground between traffic and the receiver
- Meteorology (temperature, humidity, wind)

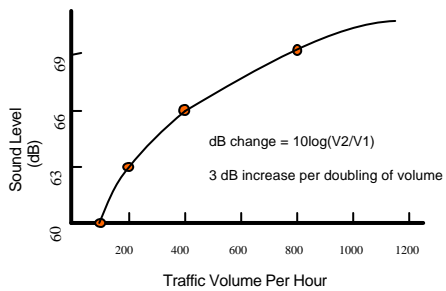
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Source/Path/Receiver Concept



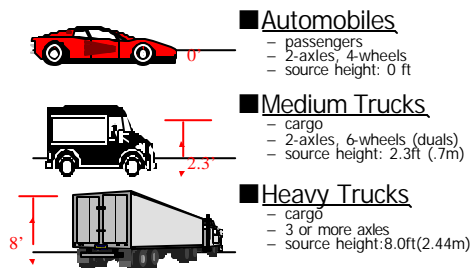
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Volume of Traffic



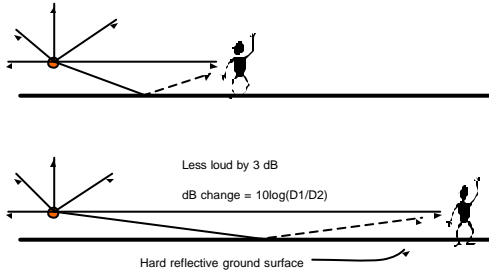
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Vehicle Types



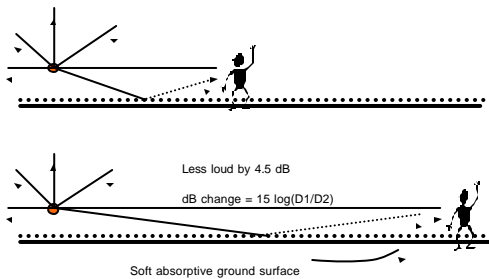
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Geometric Relationship Between Traffic and Receiver



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Geometric Relationship Between Traffic and Receiver

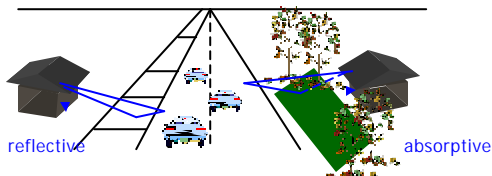


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Acoustical Characteristics of the Ground

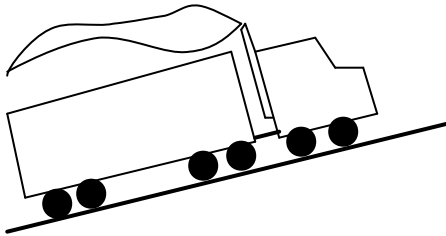
Hard Site
 -3 dBA/DD

Soft Site
 -4.5 dBA/DD



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Grade of the Roadway



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Grade of the Roadway

Calgrade Heavy Truck Emission Levels

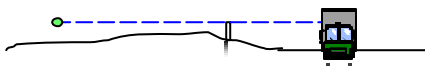
Grade%	Emission Level dBA
1	84.0
2	84.4
3	84.7
4	84.1
5	83.9
6	83.9
7	83.9

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Barriers Between Traffic and the Receiver

Barrier just breaks the line of sight between the source and the receiver

-5dB noise reduction

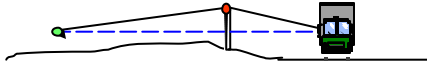


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Barriers Between Traffic and the Receiver

As the barrier height increases the noise reduction increases

~8 dB noise reduction

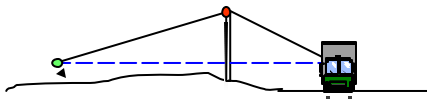


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Barriers Between Traffic and the Receiver

As the barrier height increases the noise reduction increases

~10 dB noise reduction



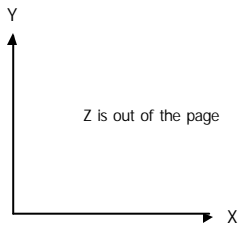
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Meteorology

- Temperature
- Wind
- Humidity
- Rain

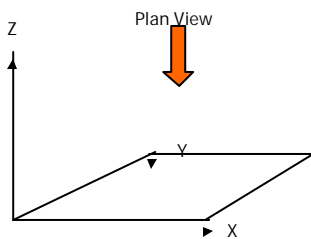
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Three Dimensional X, Y, Z Coordinate System



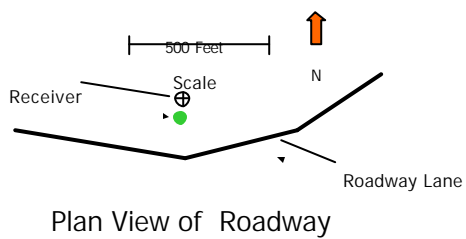
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Three Dimensional X, Y, Z Coordinate System



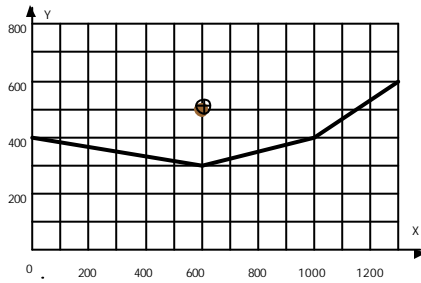
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Three Dimensional X, Y, Z Coordinate System



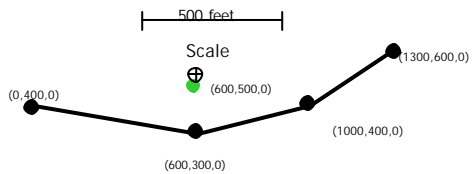
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Three Dimensional X, Y, Z Coordinate System



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Three Dimensional X, Y, Z Coordinate System



Plan View of Roadway

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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Lane and traffic data

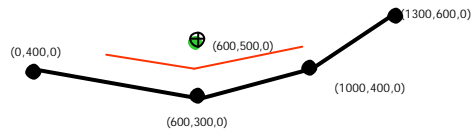
- geometric location of roadway lanes (X,Y,X)
- volume and speed of autos, medium trucks, and heavy trucks
- grade correction for heavy trucks

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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Barrier data

- geometric location of the barrier (X, Y, Z)



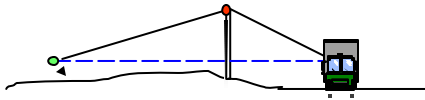
Plan View of Roadway

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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Barrier data

- Type of barrier (masonry, masonry on jersey, concrete)



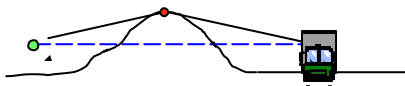
Masonry and concrete barriers are thin screen barriers and are treated the same acoustically.

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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Barrier data

- Type of barrier (earth-berm)



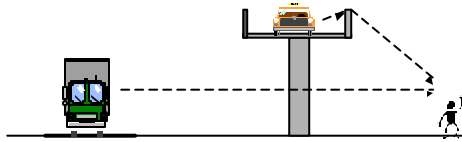
- The model provides 3 dB more noise reduction than a thin screen barrier.
- In practice the effect of a berm has been shown to be less.
- Earth-berms should generally be treated as thin screen barriers.
- Refer to Caltrans Technical Noise Advisory TAN-02-1.

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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Barrier data

- Barrier structure status

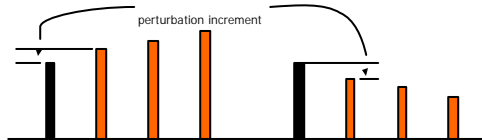


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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Barrier data

- perturbation increment
- maximum number of perturbations



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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Receiver Data

- Geometric location of receivers (X,Y,Z)

■ Drop off rates

- rate in dB per doubling of distance at which sound levels attenuate (3 dB or 4.5 dB per doubling of distance)

■ K factor constants

- correction or calibration factor in dB

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Input Parameters Used in Sound32 Analysis

■ Emission levels

- Reference energy mean emission levels (REMELS)
- California (CALVENO)
- National (FHWA)

■ Factors not addressed in Sound32

- Meteorology
- Dense woods
- Rows of houses

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Sound32 Modeling Methodology

■ Fortran format input file is created

- traffic lanes, barriers, and receivers are located spatially in a 3 dimension Cartesian coordinate system (X,Y, Z)
- traffic volumes and speeds are defined
- traffic noise emission levels and distance attenuation rates are defined

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Sound32 Input File

```
Sample File
T-Lane 1 Traffic Description, 1
1000 . 65 . 40 . 65 . 20 . 65
T-Lane 2 Traffic Description, 2
1500 . 65 . 40 . 65 . 20 . 65
L-Lane 1 Lane Description, 1
N,-5000.,0,0,Lane 1 Point 1
N,-2500.,0,0,Lane 1 Point 2
N,0.,0,0,Lane 1 Point 3
N,2500.,0,0,Lane 1 Point 4
N,5000.,0,0,Lane 1 Point 5
L-Lane 2 Lane Description, 2
N,-5000.,10,0,Lane 2 Point 1
N,-2500.,10,0,Lane 2 Point 2
N,0.,10,0,Lane 2 Point 3
N,2500.,10,0,Lane 2 Point 4
N,5000.,10,0,Lane 2 Point 5
B-Barrier 1, 1 . 1 . 1 .3
-5000.,50,0,10,B1 P1
5000.,50,0,10,B1 P2
B-Barrier 2, 2 . 2 . 1 .3
-5000.,-50,0,10,B2 P1
5000.,-50,0,10,B2 P2
R, 1 . 67 .500
-50,100,5.,Rec. 1
R, 2 . 67 .500
50,100,5.,Rec. 2
R, 3 . 67 .500
-50,-100,5.,Rec. 3
R, 4 . 67 .500
50,100,5.,Rec. 4
D, 4,5
M1,NA
K,-1
M2,NA
C,C
```

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Sound32 Modeling Methodology

- Input file can be created using a text editor or the Caltrans "front end"
- Traffic noise levels at receivers are then calculated
- Output file with results called SOUND32.OUT is created and overwritten each time results are calculated. The file is placed in the SOUND32 directory.

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Sound32 Output File

SAMPLE FILE

```
1  BARRIERDATA
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BAR ELE	BARRIER HEIGHTS												BAR ID	BAR LENGTH	TYPE
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
1	- 7.	8.	9.	10.*	11.	12.	13.	B1 P1	10000.0						
2	- 7.	8.	9.	10.*	11.	12.	13.	B2 P1	10000.0						
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7							

1	REC	REC ID	DNL	PEOPLE	LEQ(CAL)
1	REC. 1	67	500	60.1	
2	REC. 2	67	500	60.1	
3	REC. 3	67	500	62.9	
4	REC. 4	67	500	60.1	
BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION					
4 4					
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION					
10.10.					

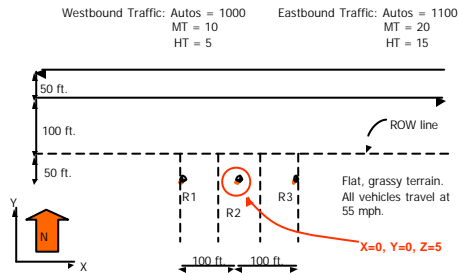
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Sound32 Examples

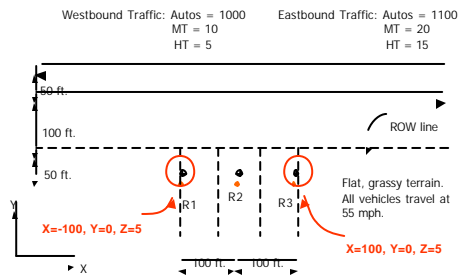
- Example 1. Simple 2 lane highway with 3 receivers
- Example 1A. Simple 2 lane highway with 3 receivers and 1 barrier
- Example 1B. Simple 2 lane highway with 3 receivers and 1 perturbable barrier

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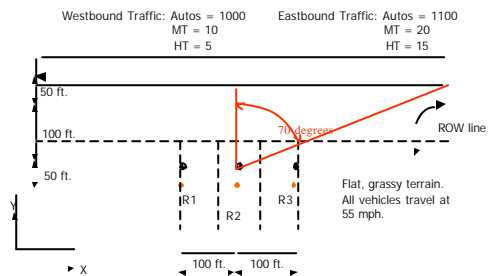
Example 1



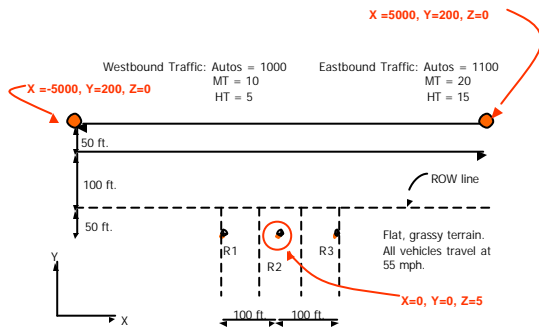
Example 1



Example 1

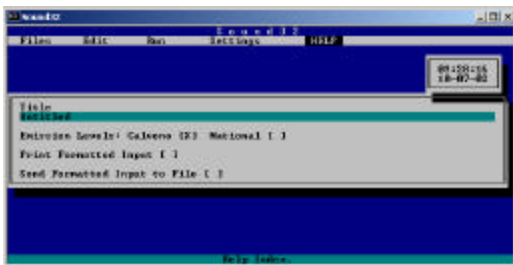


Example 1



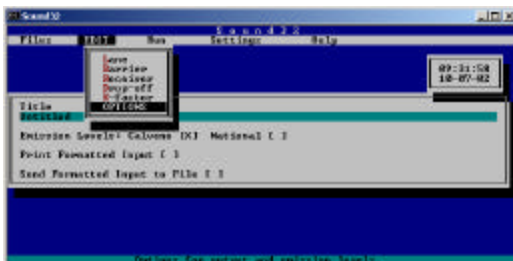
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Example 1



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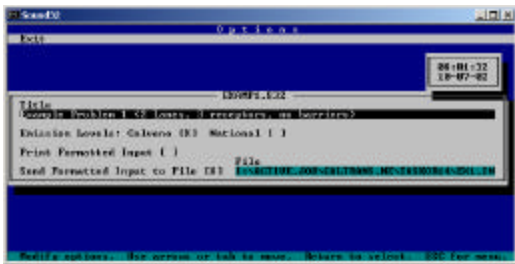
Example 1



Use the **left** and **right** arrow keys to select the desired item from the main menu bar. This will open up the sub-menu.
Use the **up** and **down** arrow keys to select items from the sub-menu.

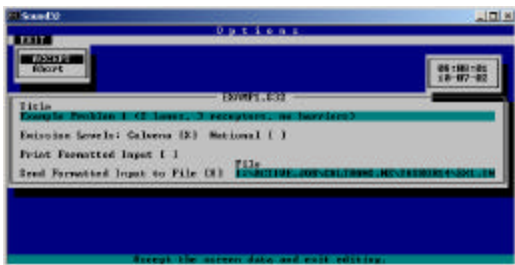
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Example 1



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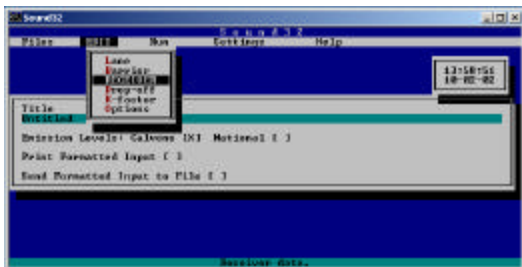
Example 1



The **escape** key activates the menu bar.
Use the up and down arrow keys to select "accept" or "abort".

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Example 1



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Example 1

The screenshot shows a window titled 'Send32' with a menu bar (File, Edit, Run, Settings, Help) and a toolbar. The main area displays a table with columns: Receiver, Src, Destination, S, Y, Z, and Description. The data is as follows:

Receiver	Src	Destination	S	Y	Z	Description
1	00	1000	-100	0	0	Rec. 1
2	00	1000	0	0	0	Rec. 2
3	00	1000	100	0	0	Rec. 3
4	00	1000				
5	00	1000				
6	00	1000				
7	00	1000				
8	00	1000				
9	00	1000				
10	00	1000				
11	00	1000				
12	00	1000				
13	00	1000				
14	00	1000				
15	00	1000				
16	00	1000				
17	00	1000				
18	00	1000				
19	00	1000				
20	00	1000				

At the bottom, a status bar reads: "Send32: Src=00, Dest=1000, S=-100, Y=0, Z=0, Description=Rec. 1".

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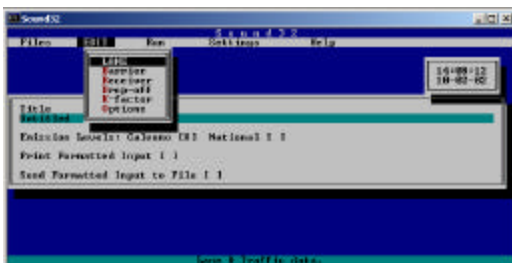
Example 1

The screenshot shows the 'Send32' application with the 'File' menu open. The menu items are: Exit, Run, Settings, Help, and a separator line. The main table is the same as in the previous example.

The **escape** key activates the menu bar.
Use the left and right arrow keys to select the desired menu item.

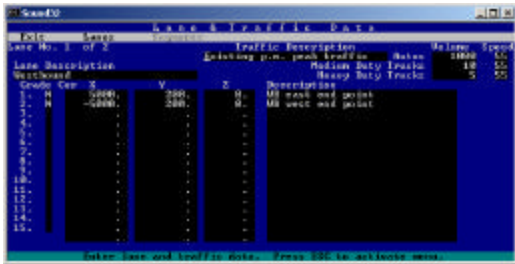
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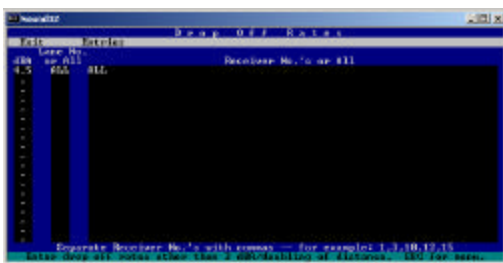
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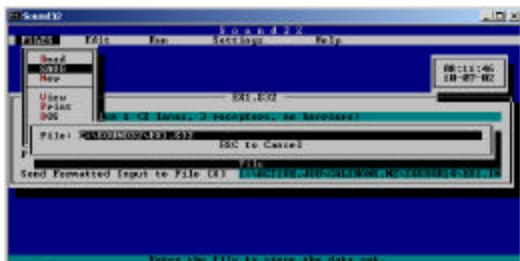
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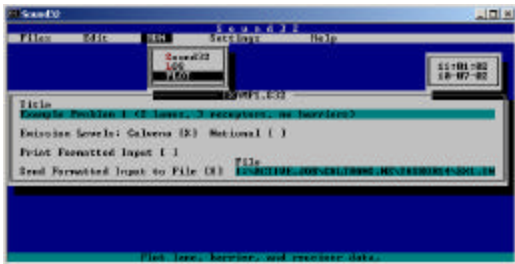
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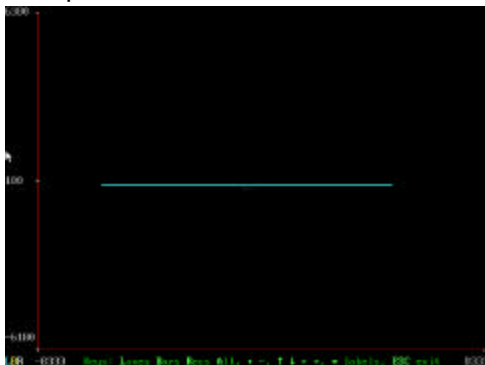
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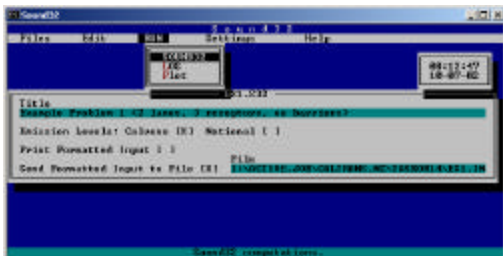


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Example 1

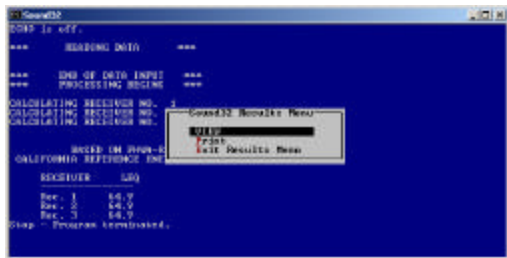


Example 1



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Example 1



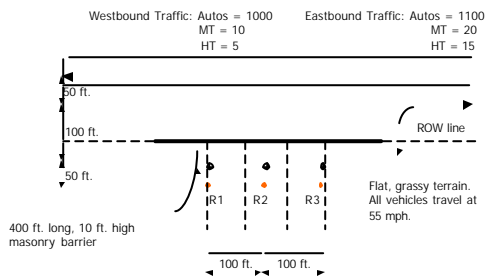
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Example 1

Example Problem 1 (2 lanes, 3 receptors, no barriers)
 T-Existing p.m. peak traffic, 1
 1000 , 55 , 10 , 55 , 5 , 55
 T-Existing p.m. peak traffic, 2
 1100 , 55 , 20 , 55 , 15 , 55
 L-Westbound, 1
 N,5000.,200,0,WB east end point
 N,-5000.,200,0,WB west end point
 L-Eastbound, 2
 N,-5000.,150,0,eastbound west end point
 N,5000.,150,0,eastbound east end point
 R, 1 , 67 ,500
 -100,0,5.,Rec. 1
 R, 2 , 67 ,500
 0,0,5.,Rec. 2
 R, 3 , 67 ,500
 100,0,5.,Rec. 3
 D, 4.5
 ALL,ALL
 C,C

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Example 1A



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Example 1A

Lane	Y	X	Z	Description
1	200	10	0	BL P1
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

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Example 1A

Lane	Y	X	Z	Description
1	200	10	0	BL P1
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

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Example 1A

Example Problem 1A (2 lanes, 3 receptors, 10 ft. high 400 ft. long barrier)

T-Existing p.m. peak traffic, 1
 1000, 55, 10, 55, 5, 55
 T-Existing p.m. peak traffic, 2
 1100, 55, 20, 55, 15, 55
 L-Westbound, 1
 N, 5000, 200, 0, WB east end point
 N, -5000, 200, 0, WB west end point
 L-Eastbound, 2
 N, -5000, 150, 0, eastbound west end point
 N, 5000, 150, 0, eastbound east end point
 B-10 ft. high 400 ft. long wall, 1, 2, 0, 0
 -200, 50, 0, 10, B1 P1
 200, 50, 0, 10, B1 P1
 R, 1, 67, 500
 -100, 0, 5, Rec. 1
 R, 2, 67, 500
 0, 0, 5, Rec. 2
 R, 3, 67, 500
 100, 0, 5, Rec. 3
 D, 4, 5
 ALL, ALL
 C, C

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Example 1B

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File Barrier Database Help

Barrier No. 1 of 1 Barrier Description 10 Ft. high 400 Ft. long wall

Materials: 1 Earth Bern 2 Masonry on Jersey 3 Concrete

Events: Barrier H HILZ 1 Max. P 3

	X	Y	SW	Z	Description
1.	280.	50.	0.	10.	01 P1
2.	280.	50.	0.	10.	01 P1
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.

Enter barrier data. Press END to activate menu.

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The screenshot shows a DOS window titled "ScanFlo" with a menu of options. The first three options are "CALCULATING RECEIVER NO.", "CALCULATING RECEIVER NO.", and "CALCULATING RECEIVER NO.". The fourth option is "NUMBER OF MONTHS". The fifth option is "PRICE & COSTS". The sixth option is "END OF PROGRAM". The seventh option is "END OF PROGRAM". The eighth option is "END OF PROGRAM". The ninth option is "END OF PROGRAM". The tenth option is "END OF PROGRAM".

NO.	FILE	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	NO.	10	LENGTH	TYPE
1	-	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	12.	12.	12.	12.	12.	12.
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						

REC. NO.	ED	NO.	PEOPLE	SQ. (CAL.)
1	Rec. 1	40	5000	10.1
2	Rec. 2	80	1000	5.5
3	Rec. 3	60	5000	6.8

PRICE & COSTS >> TO CONTINUE

Example 1B

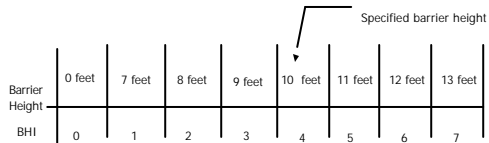
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Sample Problem 1B (2 lanes, 3 receptors, barrier with perturbations)
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1000 , 55 , 10 , 55 , 5 , 55
T-Existing p.m. peak traffic, 2
1100 , 55 , 20 , 55 , 15 , 55
L-Westbound, 1
N,5000.,200,0,WB east end point
N,-5000.,200,0,WB west end point
L-Eastbound, 2
N,-5000.,150,0,eastbound west end point
N,5000.,150,0,eastbound east end point
B-10 ft. high 400 ft. long wall, 1 , 2 , 1 , 3
-200.,50,0,10,B1 P1
200.,50,0,10,B1 P1
R, 1 , 67 ,500
-100,0,5.,Rec. 1
R, 2 , 67 ,500
0,0,5.,Rec. 2
R, 3 , 67 ,500
100,0,5.,Rec. 3
D, 4.5
ALL,ALL
VC,C
PC output option: 0 ,I,\ACTIVE.JOB\CALTRANS.NZ\TASKOR14\EX1B.I
    
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Barrier Height Index

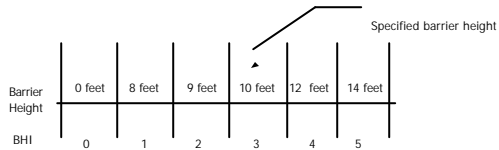
Barrier perturbed up 3 times and down 3 times



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Barrier Height Index

Barrier perturbed up 2 times and down 2 times



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Example 1B

```
Select Screen

1)....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
2)....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOGS
3)....DISPLAY BARRIER ELEMENT CONTRIBUTION
4)....CHANGE OUTPUT FILE
5)....STOP

BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5)
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Example 1B

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Natural112

1)....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
2)....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOGS
3)....DISPLAY BARRIER ELEMENT CONTRIBUTION
4)....CHANGE OUTPUT FILE
5)....STOP

BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5)
1
ENTER BARRIER INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER ELEMENT
(CLEAR BARRIERS)
```

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Example 1B

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1)....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
2)....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOGS
3)....DISPLAY BARRIER ELEMENT CONTRIBUTION
4)....CHANGE OUTPUT FILE
5)....STOP

BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5)
2
```

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Example 1B

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C:\New402>
1).....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
2).....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOSS
3).....DISPLAY BARRIER SCORING CONTRIBUTION
4).....CHANGE OUTPUT FILE
5).....STOP

BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
0
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
0.

ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5):
2

REC NO. ID    DML  PEOPLE  LBS<CR>
1  Rec- 1    60.0  200.  68.0
2  Rec- 2    60.0  200.  68.0
3  Rec- 3    60.0  200.  68.0
PRESS <X> ENTER TO CONTINUE
  
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Example 1B

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C:\New402>
1).....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
2).....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOSS
3).....DISPLAY BARRIER SCORING CONTRIBUTION
4).....CHANGE OUTPUT FILE
5).....STOP

BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
0
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
0.

ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5):
2
  
```

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Example 1B

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C:\New402>
1).....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
2).....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOSS
3).....DISPLAY BARRIER SCORING CONTRIBUTION
4).....CHANGE OUTPUT FILE
5).....STOP

BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
0
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
0.

ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5):
2
Stop - Program terminated.
  
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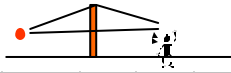
Example 1 Results

Example 1 Sound32 Sound Level Results								
Receptor	Example 1 (No barrier)	Example 1B (7 ft. barrier)	Example 1B (8 ft. barrier)	Example 1B (9 ft. barrier)	Example 1A (10 ft. barrier)	Example 1B (11 ft. barrier)	Example 1B (12 ft. barrier)	Example 1B (13 ft. barrier)
1	64.9	62.1	61.4	60.7	60.1	59.5	58.9	58.5
2	64.9	62	61.3	60.5	59.8	59.1	58.5	57.9
3	64.9	62.1	61.5	60.8	60.2	59.6	59	58.5

Example 1 Sound32 Barrier Insertion Loss Results								
Receptor	No Barrier	7 Ft. Barrier	8 Ft. Barrier	9 Ft. Barrier	10 Ft. Barrier	11 Ft. Barrier	12 Ft. Barrier	13 Ft. Barrier
1	0	-2.8	-3.5	-4.2	-4.8	-5.4	-6	-6.4
2	0	-2.9	-3.6	-4.4	-5.1	-5.8	-6.4	-7
3	0	-2.8	-3.4	-4.1	-4.7	-5.3	-5.9	-6.4

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Zero Height Barrier, Berm Effect



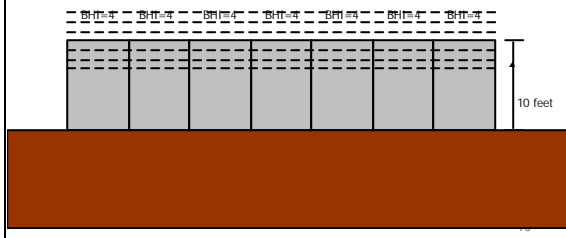
Barrier Height (ft.)	Leq (Masonry)	I.L.	Leq (Berm)	I.L.	Berm Effect	Using BHI
No Barrier	72.3	-	-	-	-	-
0	68.1	-4.2	66.7	-5.6	-1.4	72.1
1	67.5	-4.8	65	-7.3	-2.5	68.3
2	67.3	-5	64.7	-7.6	-2.6	67.9
4	67.6	-4.7	64.6	-7.7	-3	66.9
6	65.5	-6.8	62.5	-9.8	-3	65.4
8	63.9	-8.4	60.9	-11.4	-3	63.8
10	62.1	-10.2	59.1	-13.2	-3	62.1

- Zero height barrier results in noise reduction.
- When barrier height index is set to 0 the results are for no barrier, not a zero height barrier.

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Perturbing Barrier Segments

- Individual segments can be perturbed to different heights.



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Perturbing Barrier Segments

```
C:\PROGRAM-1\PERTURB-1\CALCULATOR  
1) CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX  
2) TERMINATE AND RETURN TO DOS  
3) DISPLAY BARRIER SEGMENT CONTRIBUTION  
4) CHANGE OUTPUT FILE  
5) STOP  
0  
BARRIER HEIGHT DATA FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION  
0 0 0 0 0 0  
COMPUTING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION  
10.10.10.10.10.10.  
ENTER ROW SELECTION (1-5)  
1  
ENTER BARRIER INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER ELEMENT  
SLIT SYSTEM  
0 0 0 0 0 0
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Barrier height index for each segment is separated by a comma.

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Perturbing Barrier Segments

The screenshot shows a DOS command prompt window titled "C:\PROCRAN\1\PROCRAN - E:\SHERMAN". The user has entered the command "C:\PROCRAN\1\PROCRAN". The program output is as follows:

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C:\PROCRAN\1>PROCRAN  
1).....CHOOSE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX  
2).....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOOK  
3).....DISPLAY BARRIER SEGMENT CONCENTRATION  
4).....PROCESS INPUT FILE  
5).....END  
  
MODIFIED HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6  
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION  
19.11 12.17 12.17 11.18.  
  
ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5)
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Corresponding heights are calculated and shown.

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Perturbing Barrier Segments

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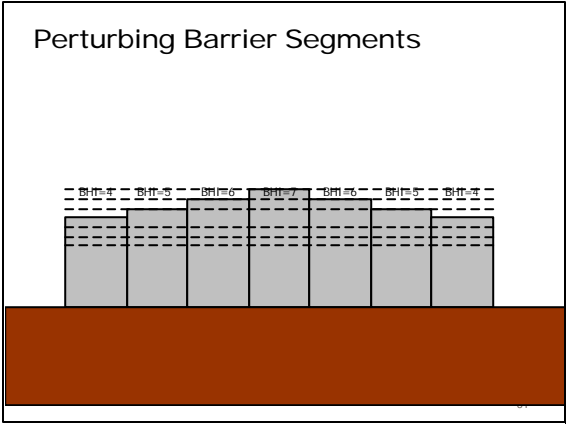
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C:\PROCRAN\1>PROCRAN  
1).....CHOOSE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX  
2).....RECOMPUTE AND DISPLAY LOOK  
3).....DISPLAY BARRIER SEGMENT CONCENTRATION  
4).....PROCESS INPUT FILE  
5).....END  
  
MODIFIED HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6  
CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION  
19.11 12.17 12.17 11.18.  
  
ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-5)
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Corresponding heights are calculated and shown.

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Perturbing Barrier Segments

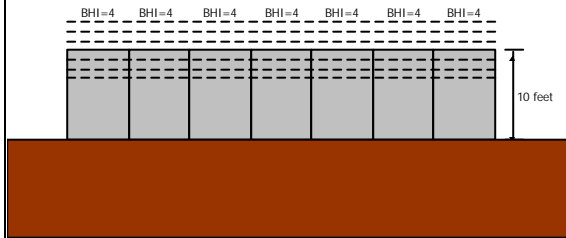
The diagram illustrates a perturbed barrier system. It features a solid brown base at the bottom. Above this base, there are seven gray rectangular segments of varying heights, arranged in a row. Each segment is labeled with a dashed line and text above it: "Barrier 1", "Barrier 2", "Barrier 3", "Barrier 4", "Barrier 5", "Barrier 6", and "Barrier 7". The segments are separated by thin white gaps. The overall structure represents a barrier with localized perturbations or segments.



Perturbing Barrier Segments

- If all of the segments are perturbed to the same height a "list directed" input is used i.e.:

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Perturbing Barrier Segments

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1: PROGRAM=1 PRINT=1 continue
2:.....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
3:.....CALCULATE AND DISPLAY LOGS
4:.....SELECT BARRIER HEIGHT CONTRIBUTION
5:.....BRIDGE OUTPUT FILE
6:.....STOP
7:.....BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
8:.....CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
9:.....10,10,10,10,10,10,10
10:.....ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-6)
11:

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Barrier height index is indicated with a "list directed" input.

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Perturbing Barrier Segments

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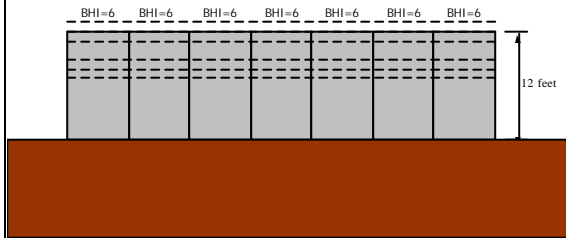
1: PROGRAM=1 PRINT=1 continue
2:.....CHANGE BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX
3:.....CALCULATE AND DISPLAY LOGS
4:.....SELECT BARRIER HEIGHT CONTRIBUTION
5:.....BRIDGE OUTPUT FILE
6:.....STOP
7:.....BARRIER HEIGHT INDEX FOR EACH BARRIER SECTION
8:.....CORRESPONDING BARRIER HEIGHTS FOR EACH SECTION
9:.....13,13,13,13,13,13,13
10:.....ENTER MENU SELECTION (1-6)
11:

```

Corresponding heights are calculated and shown.

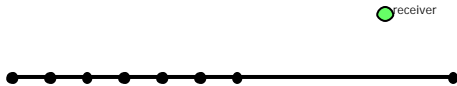
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Perturbing Barrier Segments



Perturbing Barrier Segments

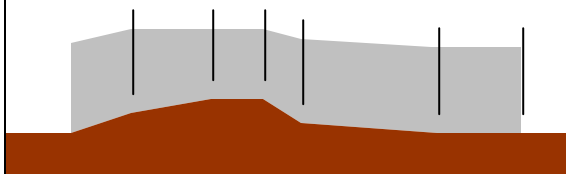
- Use short barrier segments and the zero barrier height index (i.e. the “no barrier” index) to determine the length of a sound barrier.



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Perturbing Barrier Segments

- Barrier segments do not have to be the same height at each end.
- Sound32 reports the average segment height.



Impact and Abatement Criteria

■ 23CFR772

- Provides procedures for noise studies and noise abatement studies
- Provides noise abatement criteria
- Subject to interpretation by State DOTs

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Impact and Abatement Criteria

■ Caltrans Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol (CATNAP)

- Provides Caltrans policy and Caltrans interpretation of 23CFR772
- Technical Noise Supplement (TENS) is a supplement to the Protocol that covers procedures, practices, and background information.

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Impact and Abatement Criteria

Activity Category	NAC Hourly A-Weighted Noise Level, dBA $L_{eq}(h)$	Description of Activities
A	57 Exterior	Lands on which serenity and quiet are of extraordinary significance and serve an important public need and where the preservation of those qualities is essential if the area is to continue to serve its intended purpose.
B	67 Exterior	Picnic areas, recreation areas, playgrounds, active sport areas, parks, residences, motels, hotels, schools, churches, libraries, and hospitals.
C	72 Exterior	Developed lands, properties, or activities not included in Categories A or B above.
D	--	Undeveloped lands.
E	52 Interior	Residences, motels, hotels, public meeting rooms, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, and auditoriums.

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Impact and Abatement Criteria

■ Traffic noise impact occurs if the predicted design year sound level:

- Approaches or exceeds (i.e. is within 1 dB of) the NAC
- substantially exceeds the existing year sound level (i.e. is 12 dB greater than the existing year sound level)

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Impact and Abatement Criteria

■ Feasibility of Abatement

- Abatement is acoustically feasible if it provides 5 dB of noise reduction at impacted receivers.
- Other non-acoustical factors may affect the overall feasibility of abatement

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Impact and Abatement Criteria

■ Reasonableness of abatement

- predicted design year noise level
- change in noise level
- achievable noise reduction
- date of development along the highway
- cost
- life cycle of abatement measures
- environmental impacts of abatement measures
- opinions of impacts residences
- input from public and local agencies
- social, economic, environmental, legal, and technological factors.

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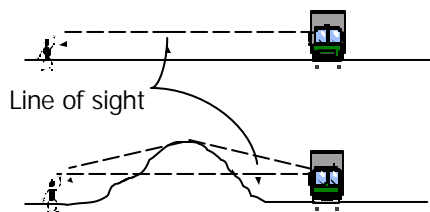
Impact and Abatement Criteria

- Preliminary reasonableness determination

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Line of Sight (LOS) Analysis

- Meaning and importance of line of sight



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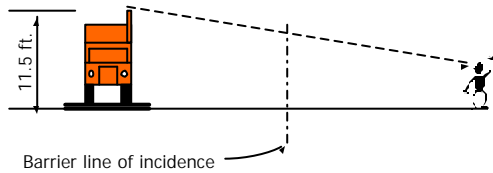
Line of Sight (LOS) Analysis

- Background on line of sight analysis
(1993 Caltrans Technical Advisory)

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Line of Sight (LOS) Analysis

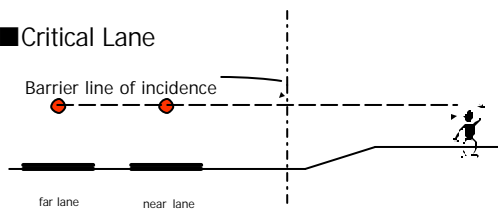
- Barriers Designed to Break the LOS for 11.5 Foot High Truck Stack



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Line of Sight (LOS) Analysis

- Critical Lane

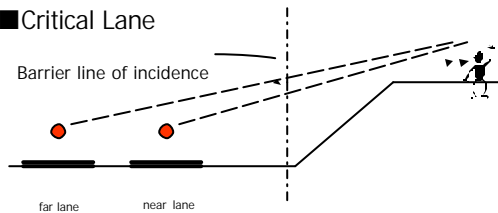


Both the near lane and far lane are critical

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Line of Sight (LOS) Analysis

- Critical Lane

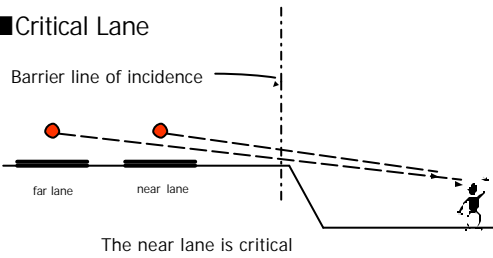


The far lane is critical

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Line of Sight (LOS) Analysis

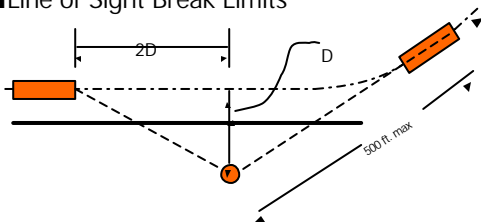
■ Critical Lane



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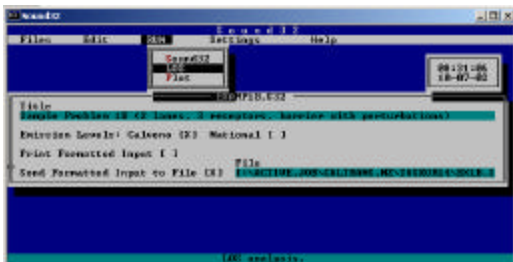
Line of Sight (LOS) Analysis

■ Line of Sight Break Limits



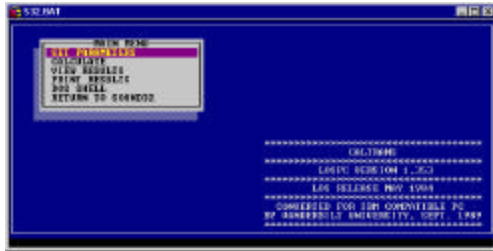
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Sound32 LOS Module



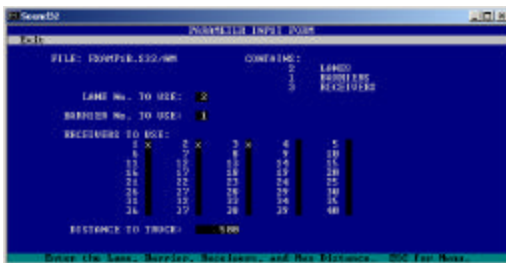
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Sound32 LOS Module



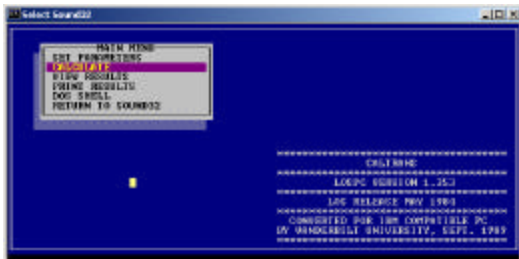
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Sound32 LOS Module

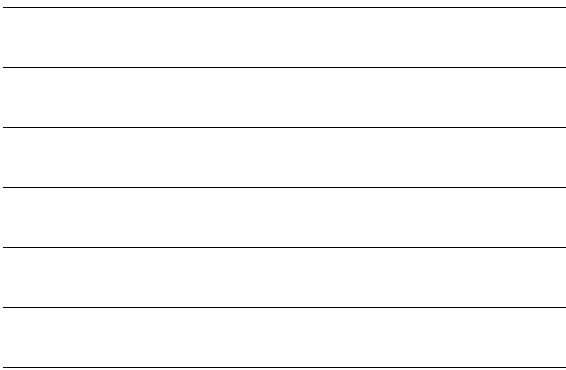


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Sound32 LOS Module



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Sound32 LOS Module

Sound32

15.5' FROM STRIK LINE-OF-SIGHT CALCULATION

FILE FRAMP: 0.537 sec PAGE: 1 LAKE NO. 5 BARREN NO. 1 DT 500

RECEIVERS: 1 2 3

Sample Position IE (2 lanes, 3 receptors, barrier with perturbation)

	X	Y	Z	SCS	DT	LOS Z	HEIGHT	RD	MODE
RECEPTOR 1									
-200	500	0.0	1	335	7.2	7.2	0	Str. End RI PI	
-400	50	0.0	1	335	7.2	7.2	100	MOIR FE	
RECEPTOR 2									
RECEPTOR 3									
500	500	0.0	1	335	7.2	7.2	200	MOIR FE	
200	500	0.0	1	335	7.2	7.2	400	Str. End RI PI	

DT - Distance to Touch (from Rec. 3)
RD - Receiver Distance (along Dir. from Receptor pt.3)

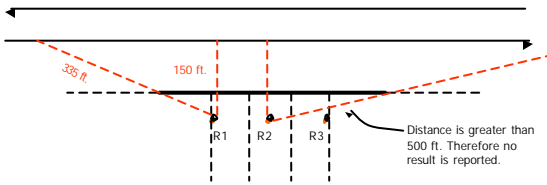
Sound32 1.0.0.0 File Path: C:\Program Files\Sound32\Sound32.exe Home for Assistance: C:\Program Files\Sound32\Help\index.htm

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Sound32 LOS Module



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Modeling Techniques

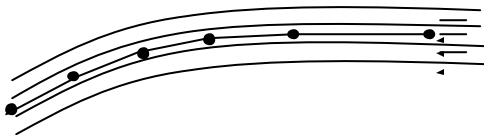
■ Information needed to conduct modeling

- aerial photographs
- Layout, elevation, and profile drawings for existing and project conditions
- traffic data (volume, speed, classifications) for existing and project conditions

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Modeling Techniques

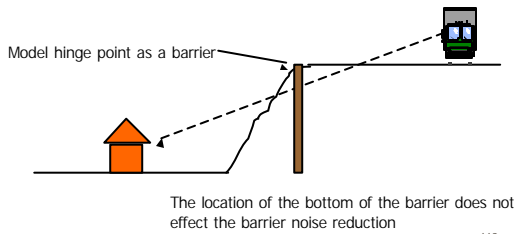
- In most cases, use single lanes to model directional traffic (i.e. don't model each lane)
- In some situations modeling of individual lanes may be appropriate (i.e. receivers are close to the highway, heavy trucks use outside lanes)



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Modeling Techniques

- Use barriers to model cut/fill hinge points, topographic features, structures, etc.



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Modeling Techniques

- Determine element coordinates by manual scaling or digitizing
- Use K factors to "calibrate" the model.

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Modeling Techniques



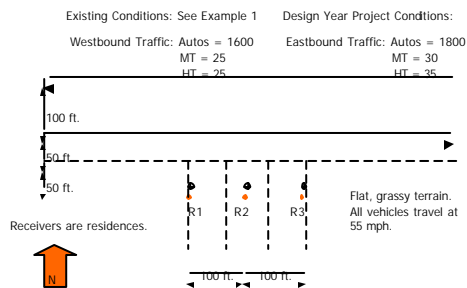
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Sound32 Exercises

- Barrier design problem
- Depressed roadway problem
- Overcrossing Problem

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Barrier Design Problem



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Barrier Design Results

Barrier Design Problem Results

Receiver	No Barrier	200 Ft. Length	LL	9 Ft. High Wall	400 Ft. Length	I.L.	44 Ft. Return*	I.L.
1	69.3	67.4	-1.9	64.3	-5.0	64.2	-5.1	
2	69.3	64.8	-4.5	64.0	-5.3	63.7	-5.6	
3	69.3	67.3	-2.0	64.3	-5.0	64.3	-5.0	

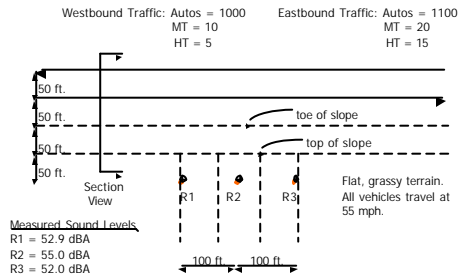
Receiver	No Barrier	200 Ft. Length	LL	10 Ft. High Wall	400 Ft. Length	I.L.	42 Ft. Return*	I.L.
1	69.3	67.2	-2.1	64.2	-5.1	64.2	-5.1	
2	69.3	64.3	-5.0	63.4	-5.9	62.8	-6.5	
3	69.3	67.1	-2.2	64.3	-5.0	64.3	-5.0	

Receiver	No Barrier	200 Ft. Length	LL	8 Ft. High Wall	Infin. Length	I.L.	Infin Return*	I.L.
1	69.3	67.2	-2.1	64.2	-5.1	64.6	-4.7	
2	69.3	64.3	-5.0	63.4	-5.9	62.8	-6.5	
3	69.3	67.1	-2.2	64.3	-5.0	64.7	-4.6	

*length of wall parallel to roadway is 200 feet.

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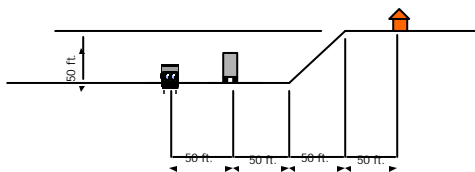
Depressed Roadway Problem



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Depressed Roadway Problem

Section View



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Depressed Roadway Problem

- Use a berm barrier to model the shielding effects of the top-of-slope
- Run the model and compare the results to the measured sound levels
- Develop K factors by comparing measured results to modeled results
- Put K factors in to the model to show that modeled result not match the measured results.

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Depressed Roadway Problem

(Input file with K factors)

Depressed Road Problem 1.
 T Existing p.m. peak traffic: 1
 1000, 55, 10, 55, 5, 55
 T Existing p.m. peak traffic: 2
 1100, 55, 20, 55, 15, 55
 L Viewbound: 1
 N:5000, 200.0, WB east end point
 N:5000, 200.0, WB west end point
 L Eastbound: 2
 N: 5000, 150.0, eastbound west end point
 N:5000, 150.0, eastbound east end point
 B Hill Cut, 1, 1, 0, 0
 5000, 50.50, 50,
 R, 1, 67, 500,
 100.0, 55, Rec: 1
 R, 2, 67, 500,
 0.0, 55, Rec: 2
 R, 3, 67, 500,
 100.0, 55, Rec: 3
 D, 4.5
 ALL: ALL
 K: 0.8
 ALL: 1
 K: 1.3
 ALL: 2
 K: 1.7
 ALL: 3
 C: C

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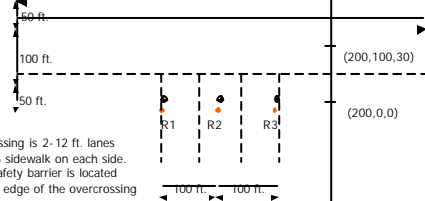
Overcrossing Problem

Mainline conditions: See Example 1

Overcrossing conditions: Autos = 1000

MT = 10

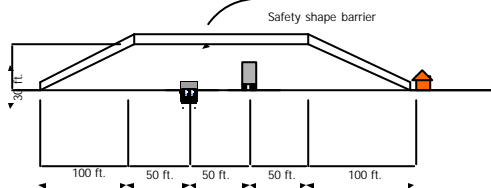
MT = 5 All at 45 mph



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Overcrossing Problem

Section View



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Overcrossing Problem

- Model the two lane overcrossing roadway as a single lane.
- At the receivers the safety barrier on the overcrossing will shield noise from traffic on the overcrossing but not from the highway. A structure barrier must therefore be used to model the safety barrier.
- For the purpose of keeping track of barrier coordinates, locate the bottom of the barrier (Z_0) at elevation of the overcrossing roadway.
- The elevation of the top of the safety barrier is its absolute elevation, not its elevation relative to the bottom of the barrier.

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Overcrossing Problem

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Screen 10" with a black background and white text. It displays two tables of data. The first table, titled "BARRIER DATA", lists three barriers with their respective dimensions and elevations. The second table, titled "RECEIVER INFO", lists three receivers with their locations and the number of people.

BARRIER DATA										
BAR	FILE	U	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	BAR
1	-	3.0								01 P1
2	-	3.0								01 P2
3	-	3.0								01 P3

RECEIVER INFO					
REC	REC	FILE	NO.	PEOPLE	LOGICAL
1	Rec	1	4.0	5000	15.0
2	Rec	2	4.0	5000	15.0
3	Rec	3	4.0	5000	15.0

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Overcrossing Problem

Overcrossing Problem
 T-existing p.m. peak traffic, 1
 1000, 55, 10, 55, 5, 55
 T-existing p.m. peak traffic, 2
 1100, 55, 20, 55, 15, 55
 T-existing p.m. peak traffic, 3
 1000, 45, 10, 45, 5, 45
 L-westbound, 1
 N, 5000, 200.0, WB east end point
 N, 5000, 200.0, WB west end point
 L-eastbound, 2
 N, 5000, 150.0, eastbound west end point
 N, 5000, 150.0, eastbound east end point
 L-new overcrossing, 3
 Y, 200, 400.0, south end point
 Y, 200, 0.0
 Y, 200, 100.0
 Y, 200, 250.0
 Y, 200, 350.0
 Y, 200, 350.0, north end point
 B-safety barrier, 1, 94, 0, 0
 3
 182, 0, 0, 2.5
 182, 100.0, 32.5
 182, 250.0, 32.5
 182, 350.0, 2.5
 R, 1, 67, 500
 -100, 0.5, Rrec, 1
 R, 2, 67, 500
 0.0, 0.5, Rrec, 2
 R, 3, 67, 500
 100, 0.5, Rrec, 3
 D, 4.5
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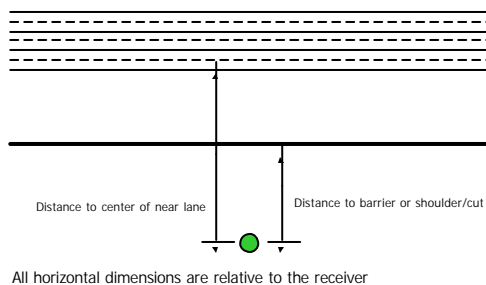
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LeqV2

- Simple version of FHWA -RD-77-108
- Evaluates noise at one receiver only
- Evaluates up to 8 roadway elements
- Elements define traffic data and geometric relationships between the receiver, barriers, shoulders/cuts, and the roadway.
- Roadway and barrier angles and distances to roadways and barriers are used rather than an X, Y, Z coordinate system.

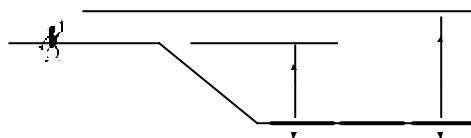
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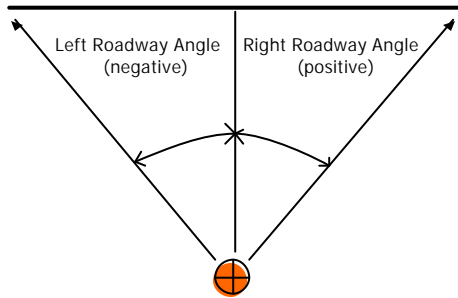
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All vertical dimensions are relative to the surface of the roadway

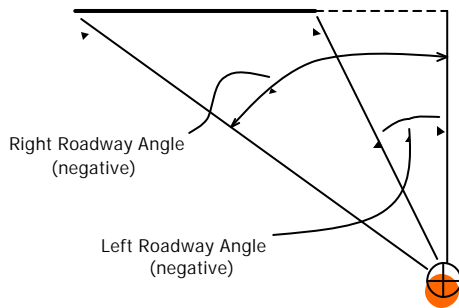
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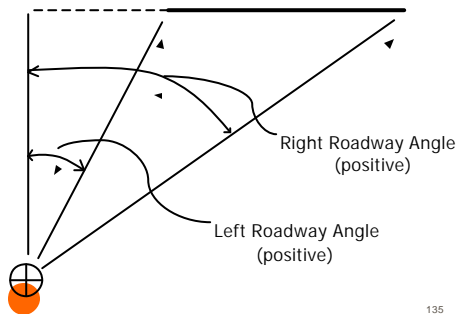
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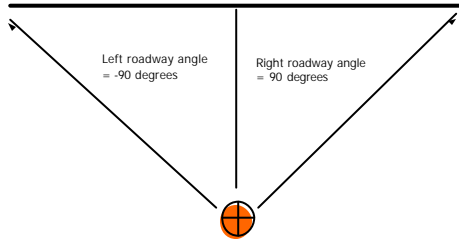
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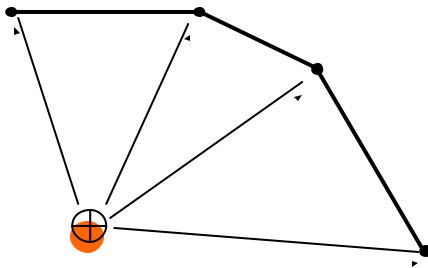
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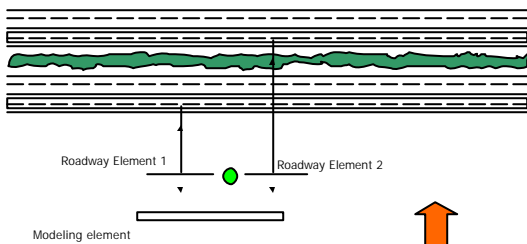
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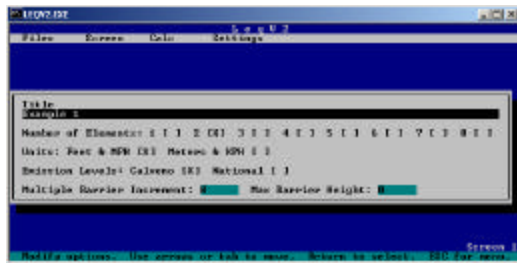
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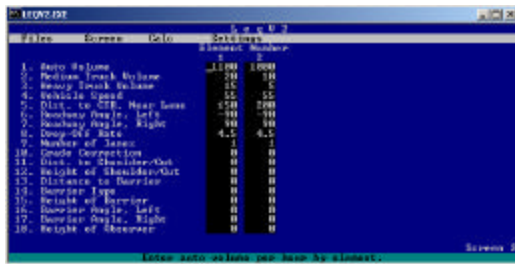
LeqV2 Data Entry

■ Main Menu Bar



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LeqV2 Data Entry



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LeqV2 Results

Title: Example 1
Date: 10-07-2002

ELEMENT NUMBER	
1. Auto Volume	1100 1000
2. Medium Truck Volume	20 10
3. Heavy Truck Volume	5 5
4. Vehicle Speed	55 55
5. Dist. to CTR, Near Lane	150 200
6. Roadway Angle, Left	-30 -30
7. Roadway Angle, Right	90 90
8. Drop-Off Rate	4.50 4.50
9. Number of lanes	1 1
10. Grade Correction	0 0
11. Dist. to ShoulderCut	0 0
12. Height of ShoulderCut	0 0
13. Distance to Barrier	0 0
14. Barrier Type	0 0
15. Height of Barrier	0 0
16. Barrier Angle, Left	0 0
17. Barrier Angle, Right	0 0
18. Height of Observer	0 0

OUTPUT DATA (Based on CALIFORNIA Ref. Energy Mean Emission Levels)

NO BARRIER TOTAL LEQ = 66 DBA (APPROX. L10 67 DBA)

Title: Example 1
Date: 10-07-2002

ELEMENT NUMBER	
1. Auto	61.97 59.68
2. Med. Trucks	51.69 46.81
3. Heavy Trucks	54.81 47.76
ELEMENT TOTALS	63.00 60.16

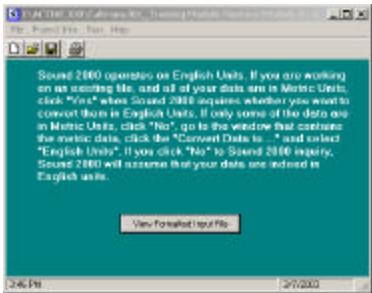
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Sound2000

- Sound2000 is a Windows-based interface to Sound32.
- Sound2000 provides
 - Windows-based tools (open, close, cut, paste, etc)
 - A supplemental graphing interface
 - STAMINA 2.0 import and export capabilities
 - Saving of unique output files for each modeling run.
- Sound2000 is under development and is available for use and evaluation.
- Sound2000 information is located at:
www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/noise

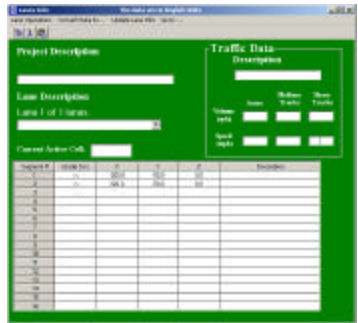
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Sound2000

- Information and tools available on the Sound2000 website include:
 - Sound2000 program download,
 - update information,
 - feedback form,
 - users group information,
 - on-line video training.
- Users are strongly encouraged to check the Sound 2000 web site on a regular basis to determine if updated versions are available.
- Users can also register to the Sound2000 users group to receive an email when updated versions are released.

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Concluding Remarks

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